C72DN
1
74750
#34

A BRIEF TO THE GOLDENBERG COMMISSION

RE: Ajax in Relation to Metropolitan Toronto

The following is submitted on behalf of the Ajax Council and Planning Board to state their opinions respecting the future status of the Town of Ajax in respect to Metropolitan Toronto.

1. AJAX, AS RELATED TO METRO TORONTO

The Town of Ajax is located in the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area and as such is subject to Part XIV of the Municipality of Metro Toronto Act for purposes of planning. The Town of Ajax lies within the scope of the Metro Toronto Conservation Authority.

As part of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area, the Town is subject to the controls set up by the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board. It must not carry out any public work or pass any by-law that does not conform with the Metropolitan Toronto Official Plan. The Town has no direct representation on the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board, but shares a representative with Pickering Village and Pickering Township. Once the Official Plan is finally approved for Metropolitan Toronto, under the present statutes, the Town and other municipalities in the planning area but not in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, would be subject to those controls without representation on either the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board or Metro Toronto Council.

2. FUTURE STATUS

It is the opinion of the Ajax Planning Board and the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Ajax that Ajax, as a self-contained community, should remain in the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area for purposes of Planning and that the following safeguards should be provided in future legislation:

(a) The Town, as a corporate body, should have direct representation on the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board and should not have to share representation with other municipalities;

(b) The Town of Ajax should have a voice on the Metropolitan Toronto Council when matters relating to Ajax are being considered. Under present legislation, if the Official Plan is adopted by Metropolitan Toronto, every improvement in municipal services and facilities within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Ajax must conform to the Metropolitan Toronto Official Plan. If the Town of Ajax wishes to have changes made in the Metropolitan Toronto Official Plan to permit the installation of services which do not conform, the approval of the Metropolitan Toronto Council must be obtained, yet the Council of this Town would have no say whatsoever in the decision affecting its interest directly. (Section 2.19, Sub-section 7(c) Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act.)

(c) Any future legislation should require that the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board recognize the need for balanced assessment within each self-contained municipality.

3. The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act, in respect to Planning, should provide for the right of appeal from decisions of the Metropolitan Toronto Council and Planning Board to a higher authority if their decisions are judged by the affected Municipality to be unfavourable. This authority should be vested in the Ontario Municipal Board.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

.....D. D. Smith.....
Mayor

.....H. Kelley.....
Clerk

TOWN OF AJAX PLANNING BOARD

.....L. F. Lamwood.....
Chairman

.....Gloria Robinson.....
Secretary